

Prep L Weekly News

Week 2, Term 2

Dear Parents,

We had a very busy first week back and the children settled into school routine very quickly. They were well rested after the holidays and eager to start back at school! ☺ This week it is planning week and the children will have all of their specialists on Thursday. The Prep team will spend the day planning our Literacy and Numeracy program for the term and our unit 'Looking After Our World', which will focus on sustainability.

It has been wonderful to see the children being so independent with their morning routine and the parents having a chance to chat with each other! From now on, I ask that the children keep their brain food in their bags and place their water bottles in the big blue bucket on the tiles. This is due to games and equipment being out on tables in preparation for our reading groups. It makes it a lot easier for the children to participate in the activities if the tables are free of these items. The children will then collect their brain food from their bags at 10 am and can access their water bottle regularly from the bucket during class.

The Premier's Reading Challenge has begun and some information and permissions forms will be sent home this week. The challenge offers the Prep children to get rewarded for reading a variety of picture storybooks at home and at school. The children need to read 30 stories in total, 20 from the Premier's Reading Challenge list and 10 of their own choice (these can be books not listed). The children can read these books themselves or have them read to them. We have already begun reading some of the books in class and we will add these to your child's list. We would love to have all Prep children complete the challenge and get rewarded with a special certificate from the Premier and their name in the Age newspaper. You can visit our Wiki for a link to the Premier's Reading Challenge website, where you can find further information about the challenge.

I'm sure you and your child have been busy collecting sponsors for the Walkathon on Wednesday 28th May. I hope we raise a lot of money as the proceeds are going to refurbishing and improving our junior playground. When you have collected all of your sponsors please ensure you sign the permission slip on the back of the sponsorship form, this will allow your child to participate. Please sign and send in this form prior to the Walkathon, however please do not send in any money until after the event. We will sign the children's forms on the day of the walkathon and send it home, then collect the money from the sponsors and send it into school. I hope we raise the most money as a class so we can win a trip to the movies! Thanks! ☺

Our literacy rotations and PMP will begin next week. If you have volunteered your services, please note that all parent helpers must have a current 'Working with Children Check' and must have the card visibly displayed around your neck at all times. If you require further information regarding this, you can obtain application forms from our school office.

Reminders:

- Planning Day: Thursday 22nd April- Children will need to wear their runners to school.
- ANZAC Day Public Holiday- Monday 26th April
- Walkathon- Wednesday 28th April
- Save the date! - Mother's Day Morning Tea on Friday 7th May @ 10.30 am
(Your child will send home an invite soon!)

Have a great week,
Kerryn Lynch



This week in English

Reading:

- Shared reading- Mrs. Wishy-Washy
- Guided reading (reading in small group with the teacher)
- Working in small groups
- Identifying beginning sounds
- Phonics: q,v,n

Writing:

- "In the weekend I ..."
- Writing about what can be seen during the day and night.
- Sentence writing based on phonics- q,v,n

Speaking & Listening:

- Circle Time, share time – celebrating our achievements

This week in Maths

Number - Counting

- Revision- 1 to 5
- Sorting a deck of cards and playing memory with numbers 1 to 5.
- Rich Assessment Task- Number 5

Measurement - Length

- Finding items longer and shorter than a pencil and recording their findings.
- Ordering animals from shortest to tallest.